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## THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON ESCAPES TO THE PACIFIC

### Passes Tsugaru Straits Steaming by Hakodate and Other Ports.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

TOKIO, July 20.—The Vladivostok cruisers Rossia, Rurik and Gromoboi have passed through the Tsugaru strait into the Pacific.

If the Russian Vladivostok squadron has actually passed through the Tsugaru Strait it has performed a remarkable feat and is now practically free to make a dash for vessels carrying contraband of war from the United States to Yokohama and Kobe. Vladivostok is located on the Japan Sea and in order to get out of that place to prey upon Pacific commerce or seek Port Arthur the Russian fleet would either have to pass through Tsugaru Strait or through Korea Strait. Sometime ago Admiral Skrydloff attempted to take his vessels through Korea Strait and managed to destroy three Japanese transports, but was turned back by Vice-Admiral Kaminura's cruiser squadron when he had almost made the passage.

Tsugaru Strait is 400 miles due east of Vladivostok and about the same distance north of Yokohama. The strait is about fifty miles long, wide in the center and tapered at each end to a width of about twelve miles. At one end is the fortified city of Fuku-yama and at the other Hakodate, a port from which a number of vessels have come to Honolulu with cargoes of sulphur. The Strait is so narrow there that one or two cruisers or even torpedo boats would be able to block the passage of the Russian squadron.

The Korea now en route to Yokohama from Honolulu carries a large amount of railway equipment and other goods which could be used by the Japanese for war purposes. Its departure with such a cargo was well advertised.

The Rossia, Rurik and Gromoboi are very fast cruisers.

REENFORCEMENTS FOR OKU.

YUIKOW, July 20.—The reenforcements awaited by Gen. Oku are being disembarked under the protection of seven cruisers. Troops are also landing north of Port Arthur. Important events are expected within a week.

JAPANESE STILL ADVANCING.

TATCHEKIAO, July 20.—Ambuscades and skirmishes are of daily occurrence. The Japanese are moving northward toward Hiu-yau and Simouchen.

OYAMA'S NEW PLANS.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 20.—Experts are convinced that the Japanese have changed their plans in favor of a flanking movement on Liaoyang instead of a direct movement to Tatchekiao. The change is attributed to the arrival of Field Marshal Oyama.

ANOTHER RED SEA SEIZURE.

SUEZ, July 20.—The Russians seized the German steamer Sambia.

HAYASHI'S RETURN.

SEOUL, July 20.—Minister Hayashi has returned from Japan.

GERMANY WANTS EXPLANATIONS.

BERLIN, July 20.—The Government has asked Russia to explain the seizure of mails in the Red Sea. It is believed Russia will disavow the act.

AFTERNOON REPORT.

SHANGHAI, July 19.—The steamer Pieping has been seized and taken to Japan.

SUEZ, July 19.—The steamer Malacca, seized in the canal, is en route to the Baltic as a Russian prize.

CHEFOO, July 19.—A steamer, believed to be the Hipsang, has been sunk by the Russians, who mistook the ship for a transport.

LONDON, July 19.—The British Cabinet is considering the seizure of British ships by the Russians.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—The United States has signified its willingness to join with England in the protection of the seals of the Kommander Islands.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—The German Government has asked an explanation from Russia of the seizure of Japanese mails from the German mail steamer.

CHEFOO, July 19.—Passengers on a junk just arrived at Chefoo report that 4,000 Japanese were captured by the Russians at a fort east of Port Arthur.

The Russians exploded mines, annihilating the enemy.



JOHN BULL AND THE DARDANELLES.

"Nothing shall pass there!" John Bull cries aloud to the universe, as he plants his huge foot on the Dardanelles.

Russia, disdaining these clamors, cuts a way through the foot with her torpedo boats, and mutilated John Bull cries aloud to the high heavens.—From Silhouette (Paris).

## DAVE BARRY BESTS HIS OLD RIVAL FOLEY IN THE SEVENTH ROUND

(Special Cable to the Advertiser.)

LOS ANGELES, July 19, 11:30 P. M.—Dave Barry knocked out Foley in seven rounds.

COHEN.

The local admirers of Barry had put their faith in the Irish champion of Hawaii, but in California the weight of favor was for Foley. Although Barry had arrived at San Francisco from Honolulu with championship honors gained here, the fact that Foley had previously bested him in two ring contests, threw the betting in Foley's favor. Barry was defeated by Foley the first time in eleven rounds and again in three rounds. The San Francisco Bulletin of a recent date said that Foley was well known to the Californians, and that although Barry must certainly have improved during his sojourn here, he had given no exhibition of his powers and the bettors were in the dark. He was thought to be too slow while Foley was known to be fast. Billy Woods, trainer for Barry while in Honolulu, said last night: "Barry's a good boy; of course he'd win and will win many more fights."

WOODS WHIPPED MILLETT.

DAWSON, July 4.—Negro Billy Woods of Los Angeles won the fight to-night before the Dawson Athletic Club from Joe Millett of San Francisco, first on a foul in the third round and later at the end of a twenty-round bout fought by the men to appease the wrath of the big crowd aroused by Millett's deliberate attempt to gain the decision by the use of unfair tactics.

When Millett fouled in the third round after keeping well away from Woods, Referee Sugrue gave the Los Angeles negro the decision. On account of Millett's poor exhibition the management of the athletic club declared it no contest on the Frisco lad's part. When the crowd yelled its disapproval Woods agreed to continue. After a ten-minute wait Millett reappeared and thus saved the short end of the purse.

In the twenty rounds that followed Woods was the aggressor and Millett only saved himself from being out by his clever guarding and his continual clinching throughout the fight.

## MRS. GEORGE CROCKER ILL.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Mrs. George Crocker has arrived from Europe critically ill.

## RULER OF THE ELKS.

CINCINNATI, July 20.—A. J. Brien of Baltimore has been elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks.

## BREWERS ON A STRIKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—Six hundred brewers have struck.

## COUNTY ACT DEBATED BY LEADING CITIZENS

### Judge Dole, Professor Scott, Associate Justice Hatch, J. G. Pratt and W. T. Rawlins Give Their Views—Reservations of Power.

Educational and health department matters in the Territory should not be given over to the control of the proposed county governments, judging from the remarks of Federal Judge Dole, Associate Justice F. M. Hatch, Prof. M. M. Scott, Attorney W. T. Rawlins, F. S. Dodge and other citizens who spoke last evening before the County Act Commission.

Associate Justice Hatch stated that the legislature made a mistake when it decided to establish county government in the islands first and municipalities afterward. He was of the opinion that the matter was being presented hind-end foremost, and that town government should be the initial basis of all local self-government.

Whether the Boards of Supervisors should be elected by the voters, or appointed by the Governor, was a question gone over carefully. The possible intervention of Congress was suggested by most of the speakers. It was thought advisable to frame an act, which, should it be decided by the courts that the counties had not the power to elect their Boards of Supervisors, would permit their selection by the Governor.

A good point was made by Attorney Rawlins as to the wisdom of the Governor having the right to appoint Boards of Supervisors and other boards. He raised the supposition of a Democratic victory for President in which case a Democratic governor would naturally appoint Democratic Boards of Supervisors and other boards, although the Republicans might be in the majority.

JUDGE DOLE ON ACT.

The Commission members were all present with the exception of Beckley who is now on Maui, Mr. Cooper being in the chair. In the audience were Judge S. B. Dole, Justice F. M. Hatch, Delegate Kalaniana'ole, Attorney-General Andrews, Attorney W. T. Rawlins,

F. S. Dodge, J. G. Pratt, Prof. M. M. Scott, W. R. Sims.

The chair stated that the Commission was basing its work on the act of 1903. He stated also that no argument on the desirability or undesirability of a County Act was necessary as the Commission had been organized merely to frame an act. He called upon Judge Dole for an expression of his views on the subject of questions propounded from the last meeting, the principal one of which concerned the election or appointment of the Boards of Supervisors. Judge Dole said he came to listen and not to discuss the matter.

"I have some views," added Judge Dole, "more or less definite. The matter of the legal question we cannot possibly settle at present. Congress may settle it for us by legislation, but I think we are powerless in that particular. We may guess at it, but it seems to me that the policy of the government here is to enact a county law which shall have as few pitfalls as possible. If there is an uncertain element about it I believe it is sound policy to accept the situation and provide for boards appointed by the Governor."

"If we wish to progress in this matter I think it is a sound thing to do. We have already had experience in the matter of framing an act which ought to deter us from seeking too much. We tried to get too much in the act and consequently failed of getting anything. I am in favor of making a small beginning, sufficient for the different parts of the islands to effect their organizations. They have all to learn the principle of self-government. I am in favor of a very small form of county government to begin with because I think our people are not acquainted with county government and not experienced in political responsibilities."

"I think they will acquire more knowledge by having something small and simple to grasp, to be added to from time to time."

DON'T TOUCH EDUCATION.

Prof. M. M. Scott said he was highly

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## HONOLULU MAY GET THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

### Executive Committee in Session Yesterday, Declares for Island Capital Instead of Hilo. Division of Big Precincts Considered.

The Republican territorial convention which will nominate a candidate for delegate to Congress, and members for both houses of the Territorial Legislature, will probably be held in Honolulu. The executive committee of the Territorial Central Committee met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Fort street headquarters and were a unit in declaring for Honolulu, instead of Hilo, as the place of meeting.

The matter is passed up to the territorial committee to take definite action.

The question of the division of unwieldy precincts in both districts of Oahu was brought up and the matter of marking off a map with precincts divided was left to chairman Crabbe. The subject will be passed upon at a future meeting.

The Eighth Precinct club has no meeting hall at present and the executive committee decided to permit the club to make use of a building just back of the Pumping Station on Alapai street, although the building is in the Fourth precinct, Alapai street dividing the house from the Eighth precinct.

Several applications for positions with the government were considered and acted upon. Among them was that of Harry Wooten who was endorsed for road engineer for Oahu; Mr. Howell for road engineer on Hawaii.

WANT PRECINCT DIVIDED.

The announcement in Monday's Advertiser that a move was on to divide several of the big precincts of the city into smaller ones for the benefit of the voters, has had the effect of bringing together various precinct organizations to discuss the matter. The First Precinct of the Fourth District has already taken it in hand and will move to have that precinct made into two before the registration of voters begins in September.